

Dear FRS-Holland Friend!

Let's first start to say we apologize for the fact that a number of copies of # 116 did have a rather inferior print quality. We are sure that the problem has been solved and that this edition is 100% ok. If there is anything not to your liking, please let us know!! It's almost one year ago that FRS Goes DX disappeared from the Free Radio scene. June 1997 the first new-look FRS Newsletter was published and it really was great to see how many former FRS Goes DX subscribers decided to take a chance on the new initiative. In the mean time quite a number of new subscribers have joined and I can honestly say that I'm happy that FRS Newsletter is a useful source of information for many Free Radio enthusiasts. Moreover: producing and publishing this newsletter is a job I can easily handle meaning I have become much more time to work in my studio. That was one of the main reasons for quitting FRS Goes DX. Not enough time anymore for enjoying the opportunities of my little home studio. Looking back to the past four editions I can truly say that I enjoy putting it together and that there is no reason at all not to continue. So...here we go...this is the final edition on your current subscription. It's my wish that a year's subscription is running parallel with a calendar year. Three more editions will be out this year (June, September & December) meaning that your new subscription only costs DM 7.50 / £ 3.00/ US\$ 4.00/ f 7.50. If it's easier for our German readership to pay DM 10.00, that's no problem. For the *extra* DM 2.50 we will send you our updated info-booklet with the complete FRS story, information, photos and much, much more. One remark: we still have to complete this good-looking booklet but be sure you will receive it as soon as it is printed. Of course the above proposal also applies to people paying £ 4.00 / \$ 6.00/ f 10,-. It's up to you...send your fee to the usual address: FRS Goes DX, P.O.Box 2727, 6049 ZG Herten in the Netherlands. **DO IT NOW** making sure you will receive #18 next June.

FRS NEWSCORNER

FRS-HOLLAND ACTIVITIES/NEWS

In contrast with 1997 when our first serious broadcasting activities took place in June, FRS-Holland opened the New Year with a broadcast in February. It was the 22nd when a three hour broadcast was radiated on 6242 kHz. Pxs commenced at 09.52 CET and close down was at approx. 13.00 CET. That day conditions were far from poor, so all in all it was a good broadcast with a nice signal and loud modulation. Part of the programming was a new programme called the **Short SW Parade**. Basically it's a show in which Joop ter Zee plays "alternative music" not played on the radio that much. Quoting Joop ter Zee: "It's a freaky hitlist of records, not older than one year. The goal is to bring unknown records to our public. So no Backstreetboys, Madonna's, and Puff's... Also no U2's, Bruce, Simple folks... Just that one *different* record that you want us to bring to mind. If you have a suggestion, you can send it to: Joop ter Zee, "The Short Shortwave Parade", Free Radio Service Holland, P.O. Box 2727, 6049 ZG Herten, Holland or via Email: FRSH@PLNET. The next "Parade" will be aired on the 22nd of March. More details at: > [HTTP://home.pi.net/~freak55/home.htm](http://home.pi.net/~freak55/home.htm) <.

So far quite a number of people came up with musical suggestions. So...if you are interested: join Joop ter Zee in the Short SW Parade every FRS-Holland Sunday.

Remember our October 19th birthday competition? From all entries there were seven people coming up with the right answer. Fact number 5 was the wrong one (and thus being the right answer!). Verbruggen junior drew the name of Norbert Scheel from Berlin, Germany as the winner. Congratulations Norbert! It was decided to give the other six a chance to win themselves a cassette by listening to our February broadcast and hearing the phrase "Right now also.....is listening to FRS-Holland". They only had to listen at which time their name was mentioned on air in the above phrase. We will do this more often in future. Only those who send us a reception report have the chance to hear their name on the airwaves winning a cassette from the FRS Sales Productions catalogue.

Next Sunday FRS-Holland will be on air together with sister-station European Music Radio. The 24 hour broadcast will commence Sat evening and continue till the early Sun evening, March 22nd. E.M.R. and FRS-Holland each will do two hours and that block of 4 hours will be repeated several times. Frequency is most likely 6275 kHz.

April 5th FRS-Holland will be once again on air with a longer broadcast between 10.00-14.00 CET. After serious deliberation we have decided to give it a shot on the **51 mb**. That day FRS-Holland will be active on possibly **5815 kHz** or any frequency close to 5815. It's important that as many listeners as possible know about us being on 51 metres...so spread the word... Luckily we have three possibilities to let people know: via the Internet, via this newsletter

and via the March 22nd broadcast. The April 5th broadcast includes a 45min. DX-Show, Joop ter Zee's Short SW Parade with excellent music and the FRS Golden Show. For us it's also a kind of test if the tx is doing well on 51 metres. A new antenna is currently constructed by our all time engineer Bobby Speed. By the way: there's a chance that a small 20W tx is operated on either 48 or 41 metres April 5th. If it is 41 metres it will be a frequency between 7315 and 7400 kHz. Not between 7400-7500 kHz!! In the mean time a brandnew (and excellent looking) new logo has almost been finished. It will be used as letterhead but also on new stickers and qsl-cards. And of course on our homepage on the internet as well. Have a little patience... Hope to hear from you in the next few weeks...March 22nd and April 5th; FRS-Holland is on!!

You can reach us by Email via > peter.verbruggen@tip.nl < or > frsh@pi.net <. Much info about FRS-Holland is to be read on our website (regularly being updated by Joop "html" ter Zee). People who are stored in our SW addressbox will be kept up-to-date by means of Emails. Send an Email if you would like your name to be added.

SW FREE RADIO SCENE

CONDITIONS/GENERAL

In this edition we cover the news of the period late December 1997-mid March 1998 emphasizing on the developments in the past few weeks! **Conditions** haven't been that good on 48 metres with only a few positive exceptions. Many people who complained about the Farmers from Holland splattering too much must have come to the conclusion that things have slightly improved. Rather interesting was the news we received from the UK not to use freqs in the 6235-6260 range (in particular 6250.5 kHz). That means that 48 metres offers not that many suitable channels anymore. In addition SRS recently reported about the coastal utility stations Lyngby Radio (Denmark), Göteborg Radio (Sweden) and Rogaland Radio (Norway) listening on 6206.0 and 6212.0 USB. and replying on 6507 and 6513. The *good news* is that Trans World Radio will cease trms on 6235 in the not too distant future. At present time the station is active during two time slots: 09.30-10.15 and 14.30-15.00 UTC. The question is how serious do we have to take these warnings... From what I can remember from the past, similar things have been happening and in the end it blew over. Best is however not to take too much risk as a station OP...so avoid freqs within the 6235-6260 range as well as 6205 and 6210 if there are other alternatives. Time will tell how the situation develops. Fact is that only very few stations are raided on SW nowadays. Let's keep it that way! FRS-H had great difficulties in finding a suitable freq in February, in the end it was decided to use 6242. In April we will avoid the 48 mb and test on 51 metres. That does not mean we will leave 48 metres for ever!

☐ The VOTN announced in one of its recent show a new station soon to start on SW: **ALFA LIMA INTERNATIONAL**. This station will operate with a 30W tx using VOTN's new address (see later!).

☐ During the festive season **RADIO ARENA** popped up with a broadcast. The station was heard with a fine signal on 6205. Add is P.O.Box 47, NL-7010 AA Gaanderen.

☐ **RADIO ARGUS**, the former London-based AM station which also relayed RFL last year, was monitored on 5838 Sat Febr. 7th. We think it might have been a relay via the Ozone tx which is stationed in Ireland. X-Mas Day Argus was noted on 6400, a freq. which was once the fixed RFL channel.

☐ German **RADIO BENELUX** tested on 5810 kHz on Sun February 8th. Signal-strength on the continent was very good. The test ended at 10.00 UTC. An unknown station tested on 5774 Sun evening Febr. 8th at 20.10 UTC, the RNI theme tune was heard in a very poor quality. March 8th Benelux returned on 5807 with a strong signal despite announcing only a power of 20W! There's a good chance Jens Martin will remain active on 51 metres following the good results. Address is (1).

☐ **RADIO BLUE STAR** tested a new 100W X-tal controlled tx on 3910 January 2nd and 3rd. A test on 6911 (!) was carried out January 25th 1998. Add is Box 1104, 8001 BC Zwolle in Holland.

☐ **RADIO BRIGITTE** from Belgium celebrated its 18th stationbirthday with a music show and announced a special qsl-card via P.O.Box 10, NL-7094 ZG Rouveen, the Netherlands. Nowadays Brigitte can be regularly heard in the 6470/6475 kHz area (drifting).

☐ **BRITAIN RADIO INT.**'s Roger Davis sent us a nice colour info-sheet, a fresh updated 1998 version. The station now has a brandnew studio following a BRI household move. BRI mostly relies on the Jolly Roger Radio relay facilities from Ireland. The JRR tx has an output of 130W. BRI plans to increase its 2nd Sun service



to 4 hours. The station curiously awaits the results of a SW survey and then decisions will be taken about some (major?) changes. Survey sheets including a total of 23 questions can be requested from the French address (4). Over the X-Mas season BRI was heard with own equipment and it was the 41mb outlet providing a wonderful signal on 7360! Sat March 14th BRI tested on 6242 kHz, a fine signal was heard on the continent. There were rumours that P.O. Box 15558 had closed down. It now appears that this A'dam based address can be used until October 1998. Currently the following stations are using the Amsterdam based maildrop: Radio Iris, Radio Born Free, Radio HAL, Pink Panther Amsterdam and Radio Titanic Holland. All these stations can be contacted also via > Iris.Radio@Compuserve.co <.

☐ Dutch pirate veteran **RADIO CASABLANCA** was heard on 6398 kHz on Sun Febr. 15th. Signal was not impressing while mod was only poor. The old address of P.O.Box 25, NL-7880 AA Emmencompasuum was announced during the broadcast.

☐ **CITY FM** was on the air on 6246 kHz Sunday, January 11th, with this programme line-up:

09.00-11.00 UTC Michael Best

11.00-12.00 UTC Johnny Best

12.00-13.00 UTC Media Magazine hosted by Mike Anderson. The station provided a fine signal. City FM can be contacted c/o Ytterby or by email: > cityfm@aol.com <.

☐ Well-known **RADIO CLANDESTINE**, one of the longest running US pirates will be up and running on 6955 kHz at Easter at about 0100 UTC. The station will be using a new and powerful tx. For more info surf to their website:

> www.fortunecity.com/greenfield/shell/113/index.html <.

☐ A new station which was heard on 3920 Boxing Day is **RADIO COBRA**. Popmx was aired and the station had serious tx problems. In the end Cobra closed down at 17.05. It looks like the station was operated by someone already involved in an existing SW station. Broadcasting under mysterious names is a hobby from some of the OPs on SW...

☐ **CRAZY WAVE RADIO** is back on SW! March 1st the station popped up on 41 metres/7480 starting at 09.00 UTC. Signal-strength was good but that was not the case with the modulation. As far as we know the CWR broadcast was radiated from German soil. Reports and comments by e-mail only to: > crazywave@usa.net <.

☐ **EUROPEAN MUSIC RADIO** was carrying out its first 1998 broadcast on Sun January 25th. A full programme schedule was aired with a true International flavour including Dutch, English, French and German programming. Pxs were run on 6275 starting on Sat evening January 24th and ending in the late afternoon of Sun Jan. 25th. During the night of Jan. 24th to Jan. 25th EMR was heard by several US listeners. Generally speaking the station's signal was good although conditions that day were not as good as in October 1997 when EMR celebrated its 20th birthday. So now and then there was utility interference and on the continent the signal was experiencing heavy interference from RTI on 6270 during a brief period. For the first time since its return on the European SW airwaves, a German Service was to be heard on the station. Radio Nordsee's Mike Anderson is the one hosting this px from now on. Future plans include the introduction of a Swedish Service, a 31 mb service to reach remote areas with better signals and a DX-Service. February 22nd saw yet another 4th Sun broadcast, once again on 6275 kHz. During this broadcast WMR's Jack Russell presented a 30 minute 70s oldies show on EMR. During the night of Sat to Sun, the tape of the second programme cassette broke thus making further Peter Verbruggen and Andy Walker ("Rare and forgotten 60s oldies show") during the Sunday impossible. During that same night EMR was received in New Zealand!!

In the mean time the station also has a few Spanish and Russian ID jingles. Finnish & Swedish ones will also follow! April could see one or two low power 31 mb tests. These will be announced via the Internet. The tests will possibly take place on a frequency within the 9370-9430 kHz area with 20 watts of power. Expect a test px presented by Peter Verbruggen.

EMR will return March 22nd together with sister-station FRS-Holland. Both stations will be each doing 2 hours. Address of EMR is Box 2727, 6049 ZG Herten.

Email: > EuropeanMusicRadio@Bigfoot.com <.

☐ It seems that the **FARMERS FROM HOLLAND** were lucky not to have been raided on Sun January 25th. The station left the airwaves in the afternoon rather unexpectedly and abrupt. In the mean time The Farmers continue on 6300 with a couple of hundred of watts and it almost seems a miracle that the station still is alive 'n' kickin'. One would almost presume there are secret connections with the Dutch authorities who are responsible for tracking down illegal radio stations.... Or is it the Dutch queen herself secretly listening each Sunday on her orange coloured super sensitive world receiver

personally forbidding the RCD men to raid the station? Who knows... It looks like the adjacent channels suffer from less splatter which means 6280/6285 can be used without too much chance of doing a useless broadcast! POBox 108 in 7200 AC Dalfsen in cheesy but not too cheesy the Netherlands.

☐ **RADIO 510 Int.** informs that the Friday and Sunday evenings have been dropped!! The new schedule reads like this:

Saturday 12.00 - 14.00 UTC on 7120 KHz

Saturday 19.00 - 21.00 UTC on 3985 KHz

Sunday 14.00 - 16.00 UTC on 7120 KHz (random repeats!!)

If you miss the first two hours at 12.00 UTC, you can pick them up again in the evening at 20.00 CET. Don't forget that *random* is up to the computer. Whatever is picked up will be played. It doesn't mean it plays yesterdays programmes!!

Two new stations from Germany should be heard this year via the tx of the IRKS: **RECORD RADIO** and **JUNGLE RADIO**. Other Germans to be relayed in 1998 are **RADIO JOYSTICK**, **EUROROCK** and **STAR CLUB RADIO**.

The new Email address of Radio 510 Int. is:

> steven.willers@rol3.com <. You can still use the old address too:

> stevie@radio510.org <.

One rather important newsitem comes from NEXUS/IBA or IRKS/SW saying it may be difficult to survive in 1998 with the Italian PTT imposing a \$15,000 licensing fee on this private, non-commercial operation. Those who can help are asked to Email:

> info@nexus.org <.

☐ **RADIO FOCUS** made its debut trm on 76 mb/ 3910 Saturday January 17th. Because of poor conditions and some minor problems, the signal never was 100%. A show with local IDs and a Caroline-tape was aired.

☐ **RADIO FREE LONDON** was putting out a 10 day 5805 marathon during the last 10 days of December 1997. January 18th RFL was active on two frequencies: 6275 & the usual 5805. During the Febr. 15th shows RFL was on the usual 5805 and also on 6285, not in parallel. 6285 was clearly suffering from the Farmers on 6300! Sun March 1st RFL carried out a brief test on 5840. The station continues to be heard each 1st and 3rd Sun with a line-up of Terry Philips, Andy Walker, Eric May, Kenny Myers & Tony Randall. Every 3rd Sun AW hosts the Free Radio show. An interesting Email was received on Wednesday March 11th: "If everything goes to plan, RFL will be testing a new high powered transmitter this coming Friday afternoon through till Saturday afternoon on 5805kHz. If the rig works well and the engineers are happy with the results it will stay on the air for our regular 3rd Sunday transmission. Any Email reports about the signal and what the mod sounds like are welcomed at: > RFLSW@usa.net <". Unfortunately the high power test didn't take place witness the following Email from Andy Walker received on Tuesday March 17th: "Thanks for your reports. We are sorry to say that the planned test with high power did not take place over the weekend due to various problems with the transmitter. We now (hopefully) have these fixed. I will let everyone know when the test will take place and only send out mail when the rig is on the air." Address is Box 99, 1st Floor Suite 253, Selhurst Road, London SE25 6XT in the UK.

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1= P.O.Box 220342/ D-42373 WUPPERTAL/ Germany

2= 14 Stone Row/ COLERAINE/ Co. Londonderry/ BT52 1EP/ Northern Ireland

4= P.O.Box 130/ 92504 RUEIL-CEDEX/ France

5= 12 Dorman Rd/ PRESTON/ Lancs PR2 6AS/ England

8= P.O.Box 293/ MERLIN/ Ontario N0P 1W0/ Canada

9= 34B Drift Road/ CLANFIELD/ Waterlooville/ Harts PO8 0JL/ United Kingdom

10= SRS/ Östra Porten 29/ 44254 YTTERBY/ Sweden

☐ **FREE RADIO** is the name of a new Dutch station being active on 76 metres. It seems that the station's OP is a well-known name within the Dutch pirate scene, he was inactive in the past few years. It's quite clear Free Radio is run by the former Radio Delta (Ruurl)OP Gertie, using about 400 watts of TX power. The TX is fed into a halfwave dipole. Gertie already is active since 1980! The station can be contacted via P.O.Box 185, 7470 AD Goor, P.O.Box 122, 7160 AC Neede & P.O.Box 65, NL-7260 AB Ruurlo (that's the former Delta maildrop).

☐ **FREE RADIO MAKER** distributed a press release in which its close down was made public. The OP had to appear in court in December (FM) and the judge warned him not to develop any plans for future trms. Plan are already in an advanced stage to return on



SW under a new name from a new site (different part of the Netherlands). During the upcoming Summer the OP will move and he aims for starting the new station in January 1999. Lex van Dijken remains active on JRR twice a month and also on Radio Nordsee hosting the Dutch service. P.O.Box 561, 4330 AN Middelburg is still the station's address. Email: > frn@mailexcite.com <.

☐ Interesting: **RADIO GERONIMO** from the UK was heard testing on 7400 12.20-13.00 Sun Febr. 15th 1998. Signal quality was fair to good. No further details!

☐ **INTERNATIONAL MUSIC RADIO** from Switzerland can now be reached at: <wechlin@t-online.de>. In a letter from some months ago the station announced that the following frequencies are preferred when broadcasting on SW: 3900, 3902, 3920 kHz all in LSB mode with around 40 watts. Power may even be reduced to only 20 watts.

☐ Rumour has it that **LASER HOT HITS** is using the old Radio Gemini transmitting gear. Of course Gemini is a legendary SW pirate which started in 1972 being one of Britain's very first SW pirates! Until a few years ago the station was heard twice a year. LHH is active with weekly trms on 6219. Address is (8).

☐ **RADIO MARABU** continues with regular 24 hour trms on 6210 kHz from Fri to sat or from Sat to Sun. The station is back on the Internet with a homepage: > <http://www.mediaDD/radiomarabu/> <. The homepage is now available with a new design and up-to-date information, including also the current transmissions. Address is Radio Marabu - P.O. Box 1166, 49187 Belm in Germany. Email: > RadioMarabu@t-online.de <.

☐ **RADIO MARKORA** is a new German station. The station was heard by the end of 1997. No further details.

☐ Address for Dutch **RADIO MORGENSTER**: P.O.Box 6273, 7503 GG Enschede, Holland. Nice to have a P.O.Box numbered as a 48 mb SW frequency....

☐ UK broadcaster **RADIO MAXWELL** is hoping to return to the airwaves in April with modified equipment. The OP invested in an equalizer to make the audio sound better during future trms. The station plans to go on air on 76 (3945 kHz) and 51 metres (5805 kHz) area.

☐ **RADIO MIDDLE EAST** is a new station using the following address: Radio Middle East, c/o Nathan Morley, P.O.Box 582, Ayia Napa, Cyprus. Email: > nradio@cytanet.com.cy <. Or, check out his very interesting site: > www.smiley.cy.net/budz/nathanmorley <. Sunday February 15th in the afternoon (14-15 UTC) R.Middle East was heard on 7120 via the IRRS facilities.

☐ **RADIO NORDSEE** will reduce the number of broadcasts for 1998. We are not 100% certain about the reasons, it's most likely that personal reasons underlie the decision. The station can be contacted via (10). The station will be carrying out its first 1998 broadcast this Sunday March 22nd 1998. Frequency: 6210 kHz.

☐ **RADIO 101** presents its homepage at > www.radio101.de <. Just take a look! The homepage will be refreshed from time to time.

☐ Who remembers **RADIO ORANG UTAN** from a few years ago? This Dutch powerhouse was almost weekly on 6200 kHz but in the end a raid made an end to the station and its popular relay-service. Rumours are circulating that OP Freddie is now back on the air, not on SW but on FM. 98.4. During the years that ROU was on the European SW airwaves, the OP already ran a FM station which was active during weekdays. Who knows Freddie will one day return to in the land of SW free radio....

☐ **RADIO OZONE** has a brandnew E-mail address which is:

> BBMS2UNION@compuserve.com <. "The 23.30 UTC test on Sunday Jan. 11th on 3903 was a failure as was the Monday test at 17.30 and 19.30 UTC, 18 watts were just not doing the trip" Ozone reports. Sun March 1st Ozone was active on 5829, later on that day Ozone relayed BBMS and Dutch station Union Radio, from now on using the Ozone address instead of the Hoogeveen maildrop. The latter was also noted on 6240 March 1st. March 8th Ozone was on 5800 and once again BBMS was being relayed. Ozone's address is 55D Chester Rd, London N19 5DF in the UK.

Latest news: Ozone Radio will be soon going to use a new 300 watt tx, power will be kept at approx. 150W. The rig is capable of transmitting in the 3800-9500 kHz range. The 90W rig won't be sold but used as a standby model. Ozone aims to be on 76 (Sat nights), 48 (Sun mornings) and 51 metres (Sun afternoon).

☐ **RADIO PAMELA** has returned to SW 6210 kHz after a rather long absence. Since January the station has been heard several times on that channel in the early Sunday afternoon. Last known address was Box 35, 6027 Romerswil in Switzerland. Signals on the continent are quite good!

☐ German **RADIO PERFEKT**'s 7th station birthday was officially on the 17th of February 1998 and was celebrated on 3900 Sat

evening/night Febr. 21st and in addition on Sun Febr. 22nd on 6211. During the Sun broadcast there were guest appearances from Radio Tonair, Radio Torenvalk, Radio Nordsee, Radio Driland and Dr. Tim. Perfekt is one of the very few SW free radio stations putting out C&W! For this 7th birthday special QSLs are available. Add is Box 94, 7038 ZH Zeddum in the Netherlands.

☐ Interesting is the news which reached us from a new station called **Q-103**! Already in February we were informed by someone about this new SW operation. Tests on various frequencies were announced starting mid March and on Wednesday March 11th we indeed received an Email in which these tests were confirmed taking place Saturday March 14th. The schedule was:

15.00-16.00 UTC 10318 kHz/ 16.00-17.00 UTC 6958 kHz
18.00-19.00 UTC 4018 kHz.

A possible test was announced between 14.30-14.55 UTC on 7448. Trms were said to be in either USB or LSB. In the end we can confirm the station was active on at least one frequency: 10319L between 15.00-16.00 UTC. We do not know whether tests on the other channels really took place. The station likes to put out jazz and swing/goodtime oldies as well as a DX-Show. Output should be 50-75 watts and the signal is fed into folded dipoles or inverted V aerials. Address is (10).

☐ **RADIO RAVENS** has a new Email address which reads as follows: > radio_ravens@hotmail.com <.

☐ Dutch station **RADIO RIDICULOUS** on SW nowadays is a rarity! X-Mas Day Dec. 25th the station was noted on 6245 putting out a satisfying signal. Address still is P.O.Box 1019, NL-2200 BA Noordwijk.

☐ The **RADIO SAN MARINO INT.** debate: in the past months several persons have debated about the fact whether the RSMI trms were really coming from San Marino (see FRSNw1 #16). Via a reliable source the following info was to be read in SRS News:

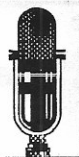
"Anyway to put the record straight for all. Yes, it did come from San Marino on the coast by the sea. Yes, it is off the air due to problems with the San Marino government and postal authority and it has suspended transmissions until further notice, and yes I do know someone involved with the station. I have also been told that some 300-350 letters have been received so far." Also this was received: "Due to excessive reaction of the San Marino government and postal authority, RSMI is forced to stop its broadcasts until further notice. We hope to return on the air as soon as possible. We are working also for a new internet web site and email address. Thanks for your interest." It goes on to say: "Radio San Marino Intl is the first radio station broadcasting from the territory of the Republic of San Marino on shortwave. The "unofficial" station, not connected with any other public or private station, is born as a Italian/German/San Marinean joint venture to give an international voice to the small Republic and to activate a really "new country" on the world of radio. This is a big event, even if Radio San Marino Intl is a hobby station. The coverage was good all over Europe and all around the world, thanks to the transmitter's power 0.3 kW and the used frequencies." Just a few definitive words: Our programmes ARE coming from a mobile site IN the Republic of San Marino; in any case, if you do not believe that the signal of RSMI is originated from San Marino, do not worry about this and please just listen to our broadcast like any other unofficial station from anywhere in the world, if you consider our programmes interesting for you, independently from the country of origin! However we are very happy for the activation of a new country (any connection with HAM), for all BCL and DX-er that believes in RSMI!"

Reports from some listeners suggest at least something's going on as the RSMI Internet website has closed and the email address is not working, either. The 19th January broadcast had to be cancelled because of the aforementioned reasons.

☐ **SOUTHERN MUSIC RADIO** from New Zealand will return to the European airwaves via Radio 510 Int./IRRS.

☐ **SRS NEWS** and **PIRATE CONNECTION** will arrange a **Free Radio Contest** during Easter and we will revive many stations from the 70's and 80's!! Don't miss this and spread the news to everybody. Complete info is available at > www.lls.se/~jal/pc < (new PC Web pages!). If anyone can help SRS/PC with recruiting stations for this exciting event, preferably popular pirates from the 70's or 80's for a one-off revival, please drop them a line at the following Email: > PirateConnection@sade.com <. They have already some real goodies for this special event! So...listen out during the Easter weekend in a few weeks time!

☐ One of the most interesting newsitems in the past few weeks is the start of the brandnew **SHORT WAVE RELAY SERVICE**. Early March the following Email was received giving a lot of information. "This is a new exclusive service for free radio broadcasters. We give to you all the opportunity to broadcast your free radio station, every



weekend, across Europe and the whole World, with our European transmitting sites as follow:

- Southern European sites (service available from today):
 site a) two 500 W AM/SSB transmitters on 49, 41, 25 m.b.
 site b) two 350 W SSB transmitter on 25, 22, 19 m.b.

- Central European site (service available from August 1998):
 site c) two 250 W AM transmitters on 76, 48 or 41 m.b.

All the antennas are half-wave dipole generally beamed North-South and/or East-West. For more details please contact our headquarters at > swrs@usa.net <.

Broadcasting rates are as follows:

Hourly : from 15 US\$/25 DM to 45 US\$/75 DM.

Broadcasting frequencies are:

On 75 m.b.: 3.905 AM (site c), on 49 m.b.: 6.195 AM (site a), on 48 m.b.: 6.260 AM (site c), on 41 m.b.: 7.480 AM (site c), on 41 m.b.: 7.480/7.590 AM/USB kHz (site a), on 25 m.b.: 11.515 AM/USB (site a/b), on 22 m.b.: 13.960 USB (site b) and on 19 m.b.: 15.025 USB (site b).

Broadcasting schedule: Sunday 08.00-12.00 UTC: March 8th and March 15th, 1998 test on 25/19 m.b. with - Crazy Wave Radio (Germany), Con Frecuencia (Argentina), Silver Radio (Italy).

In the mean time some of the tests were heard. March 8th saw the station testing on 11515 kHz/25 mb. At 08.57 UTC the signal was jammed out by China Radio International signing on. No signal was noted on 19 metres that day. Sunday March 15th saw SWRS testing on 11.515 kHz AM/USB and 15.025 kHz USB (25/19 m.b.) with Crazy Wave Radio (Germany), Con Frecuencia (Argentina), Silver Radio (Italy). On both frequencies signals were received, however not in excellent quality. We do not know what output the tx had during the tests. Sun March 22nd the following tests are (were) planned: 08.00-09.00 11.515 AM, 09.00-10.00 15.025 USB, 10.00-11.00 11.515 USB, 11.00-12.00 15.025 kHz USB and finally the schedule for the 5th March Sunday March 29th, 1998:

09.00-11.00 7.480 AM and 09.00-13.00 11.515 AM with the aforementioned stations. For more details contact them via Email (or visit them at : > www.geocities.com/Area51/Station/7568/ <.

☐ RADIO Dr.TIM celebrated its 5th birthday in the weekend of January 24th and 25th. The station was heard Sat nights and throughout the Sunday on a handful of different frequencies. During the Sat night broadcast interference was caused to the station's 3920 signal by station Radio Spaceman. This Dutch powerhouse shifted frequency to 3927 later on that night. Here's a summary of all used frequencies that weekend: 3920 (Sat nights), 6211, 6237, 6262, 6270, 6280 & 6282. A special QSL was available for all DXers sending in correct reports. Address is (1). The OP of Dr. Tim has complained about the very long delays in forwarding the mail from (1) to the stations using this maildrop. For any OP very frustrating when no mail arrives after a broadcast!

☐ Not too long ago we discovered that apart from the German RADIO TITANIC there also is a Dutch version calling itself RADIO TITANIC-HOLLAND. Operator John said he used to use this station name since the 70s for a local AM 227m/ 1325 kHz station operating within the Amsterdam area. In October 1996 he bought a follow-up transmitter of the old World War II - BC 1306 rig named AN/GRC 9 (known as the "Angry 9") with a DY88 power supply. The frequency range is from 2-12 MHz. The 15 watt TX is connected to a 30 m horizontal longwire directed to SSW. By the way, there is no connection to the German RTI!. The Dutch RTI is rarely on the air only QSO-ing. German RTI has a new Email address: > Titanic@srs.pp.se <. 1998 will see a number of RTI shows. Sun March 8th RTI was noted on 6275 relayed via British Radio Zodiac.

☐ TRANSATLANTIC RADIO tested a few times on 51 metres. Febr. 22nd saw the station on 5805 and Sun March 1st on 5815. A week later 5802 kHz was used. During both broadcasts the station had a problem with the speech modulation. On the 8th at 08.42 UTC TAR went suddenly off air. Address is Box 4427, 3006 AK Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

☐ Famous USA pirate RADIO USA was heard on the European airwaves on 6275 Dec. 28th & on 5805 January 25th. This is the station's comments on the debate on the European airwaves: "Radio USA has battled the violent swells of the icy north Atlantic to bring our pathetic brand of Pirate Radio to Europe. After 15 years of broadcasting and several relays in Europe, we decided to take the plunge and sail our trademark leaky bathtub to your part of the world. Despite bouts of diarrhea, scurvy, and gout, we made it to a secret location in Western Europe. We will be broadcasting on December 28, 1997 for about 24 hours near 6275 KHz. We aren't sure what time we'll start, or when we'll sign off. The programme will include some old segments from the last quarter of 1997 and some new segments. We'll have punk rock, the RUDX DX programme, UK travel tips, stupid jokes, Mailbag 1RU, and more with Moglie,

Ginger Aile, R.F.Watts, Joe King, Gary Indiana, and Mr. Blue Sky. We will not have any live programmes because we would all rather put down some kippers and tea than freeze or get electrocuted in the leaky bathtub. We QSL accurate, detailed reception reports 100%. We have many QSLs available and a two-sided infosheet. Please send two IRCs or 1 U.S. dollar (send two U.S. dollars if you like the idea of us broadcasting from Europe again)." Internet: <http://www.frn.net/stations/radioua/index.html> <

☐ Sun March 8th at 10.20 UTC the VOICE OF SOUTH DUBLIN was logged on 6290. Email: > yosd@usa.net <.

☐ The VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS (V.O.T.N) and RECH carried out a joint live broadcast New Year's Eve. Many listeners made a call during the broadcast making it a success. During the show the VOTN OP announced that P.O.Box 669, 7900 AR Hoozeveen address has closed. Sun Febr. 22nd VOTN was logged on 6297 early in the morning before the sign-on of the Farmers on 6300 and Sat March 14th 6269 was in use. The latter is the frequency the station once made its debut on under the name Radio Blond Pirate. In the mean time OP Gerrit has announced a brandnew address which is P.O.Box 663, 7900AR Hoozeveen, Holland.

☐ WABC Dublin is heard from time to time on 6939. That was for instance the case on January 18th when at 12.25 UTC WABC was monitored in the UK. Address is P.O.Box 2873, Dublin-1, Eire.

☐ RADIO WAVES INT. remains active on 26 metres from time to time. The station was noted on "good old" 11401 on Sun March 8th. RWI is also making use of the IRRS facilities. Add is (4).

☐ Quite recently FRSH received a newsletter from WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO In the newsletter Jack expresses his worries about stations using 6250 or adjacent channels. Quoting WMR's Jack Russell: "Basically, the fundamental point is the fact that the frequencies around 6250 are no go areas, unless you wish to cause trouble for yourself, and other stations. The word must also be passed along to some of those Dutch stations, who generally drift around anywhere. For WMR, I would foresee a band change to the 5.8 MHz area, or even with the sunspot numbers on the rapid increase, the 41m band should be good again." The reason for this newsletter is that WMR received an Email from a Norwegian person (working for a company making use of a legal and commercially used 48 mb SW service) complaining about interference from WMR on 6250 on Sun December 21st 1997. Jack R. replied to the Email apologizing for what happened adding he was not aware of 6250 being used for other purposes. According to the Norwegian person 6250.5 is an ITU Maritime data/fax frequency allocated to ship stations with a bandwidth of 3 KHz. Band is approx 6235 to 6260. "We use that frequency to receive from ships at Rogaland/LFI, Norway. LFI is part of our global network of radio stations which we use for a fully automated system of email over HF known as GlobeEmail." WMR can be reached via Radio Free London's address and by Email: <wmrjack@aol.com>.

☐ WRMI in Miami, USA has broadcasted some special programs from "free radio" producers in various parts of the world on 9955 recently. Southern Music Radio from New Zealand was aired March 14, 1998 from 1000-1100 UTC, Radio Sparks from Switzerland - March 14 from 2100-2200 UTC, Radio Blandengue and Radio Cochiguaz from South America (in Spanish, or possibly bilingual Spanish and English) will be aired April 12 from 0300-0400 UTC.

All four of these broadcasters will issue special QSL cards for reception reports on these programs. Reports may be sent to the addresses mentioned on the air, or they may be sent to WRMI (which will pass them on to the stations) at P.O. Box 526852, Miami, Florida 33152 USA, or by Email to: > wrmi@compuserve.com <.

☐ A new Flemish shortwave pirate station- X-TREME RADIO - planned its debut broadcast Sun Febr. 8th on 51 metres via Ozone but unfortunately the px tapes didn't arrive in time at the location. So pxs were delayed for one week, a new attempt would be made a week later but also Sun Febr. 15th at 14.00 UTC nothing was to be heard on 5830 kHz. Finally it was Sun Febr. 22nd 5808 when X-Treme Radio was logged on 5908 at 14.15 UTC. Signal-strength however was rather poor. X-Treme will play all kinds of music. An own transmitter is being bought so X-Treme will soon broadcast from Flemish soil. Address: c/o SRS, Ostra Porten, S-44254 Ytterby, Sweden. Email: > xtremeradio@freemail.nl <. They also have their own webpage at: > <http://members.xoom.com/xtremeradio> <. On this page you will find all information and the logo of X-Treme. Important for all you listeners: only reports by snail mail with an IRC or US\$ 1.00 contribution will be rewarded with a QSL. ☐ A mysterious station appeared on Christmas Day calling itself X20. On 6215 kHz a short tape loop was aired with hellos, IDs and a piece of literature. Both signal-strength and modulation were good. Address unknown.

☐ Remember XTC RADIO from the UK? Sun Febr. 15th the station was heard on 6400 and on the 22nd on 6291. Address is (9).



☐ **YELLOW SUBMARINE RADIO** is a new project which can be heard in April. It seems lots of Beatles music will be aired. We'll have to await further developments. No address known as yet.

OFFSHORE RADIO NEWS

Another offshore pirate planned for Israel

The Israeli land-based station Kol Hanishama, which was raided recently, is now back on the air, this time from the PLO Authority (PA) controlled city of Bet Lechem (Bethlehem). Station management say that they are preparing to move offshore in a bid to beat further raids- they say that a suitable ship was purchased 3 years ago, but remained unused, as at the time, there was no move against them on and. If the station does go offshore it will join the highly successful Arutz-7, which transmits from a ship anchored off Tel Aviv, and follow in the footsteps of numerous other offshore ventures in the area, not all of which managed to stay on (or even get on) the air. Meanwhile PA authorities say they will not permit the pirate to broadcast under it's jurisdiction, as it is against both PA and Israeli law.

Possible licence for Israeli pirate Arutz-7

Recently it's been a busy couple of weeks on the Israeli radio scene with reports of a possible licence for the offshore station Arutz-7, and a mini-war between two stations in Tel Aviv. The biggest story involves the legal status of the offshore pirate broadcaster Arutz-7. In a "Budget agreement" between the Prime Minister and the right wing party Moledet (Motherland), Netanyahu promised to form a new radio station that would broadcast to the West Bank and Gaza Strip within 90 days. It is very hard to put a new radio station on the air in 90 days, so it became obvious that the "new station" would be Arutz 7. Israel's Communications Minister Limor Livnat has confirmed that the government is looking at ways of legalizing the offshore pirate radio station Arutz-7, in a speech calling for a new attitude towards pirate radio stations. *"Listen to these stations instead of randomly closing them down"*. The minister, who has made comments in favour of Arutz-7 before, but never to such an extent, explained that the stations only exist because there is something lacking in official radio, and that the pirates are filling the gap. *"They are there for a reason, and we should try to find out why"*.

The M/V Electra radio ship

We learned from Scott Becker, one of the key-figures behind the Electra offshore project, that the radio ship, the M/V Electra is being readied for it's journey to the Caribbean. The captain will be on board Feb. 25, and the ship will be on it's way by mid-March. (via Anita L McCormick).

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Radio London RSL

After the successful Radio London RSL off the Frinton coast last Summer, the station made a second appearance to the British airwaves starting December 17th and ending January 13th 1998. Broadcasts came from the Ocean Defender moored in the St. Katherine's Dock being part of the London Docklands. From what we've heard from our UK correspondents, this second venture was less successful. Not to wonder, the Summer edition appealed much more to the listeners' imagination because trms came from the high seas and were broadcasted in July and August in the middle of Summer commemorating it was 30 years ago Big L left the British airwaves. It was a pure nostalgic trip back to the 60s, a fun revival bringing back fond memories of that 1967 Summer of love. Besides: the signal-strength on 1134 kHz AM during last Summer was superior to the 1503 kHz signal during December and January.

A shelved track, originally recorded by The Hollies in 1967, but never released, has made it's first broadcast on Radio London's second RSL venture from St Katherine's Dock in London. EMI gave permission for the exclusive first time airplay on Big L's 1503 AM frequency, ahead of it's official release later this year. The new track was aired for several days, every hour, as a Big L Club Disc of the Week. The exclusive play of the single, called "Schoolgirl" follows a RL tradition. In the sixties they were the first to play "A Whiter Shade of Pale" by Procol Harum and "Sgt Pepper" by the Beatles.

It may be rather confusing but it now appears that there are two approaches to secure the future of Radio London as a new full-time radio venture. Efforts are being made by staff involved in the recreation of the 60s station Radio London to obtain a permanent home for their floating RSL. Both parties involved want to raise finance to allow further broadcasts to be made in the future. Organisers *East Anglian Productions* would like to see the former Laser 558 ship Communicator purchased to provide both a home for

the ongoing RSLs, and a location for a possible radio museum. EAP issued a press release recently, asking for input from supporters, and donations to enable the purchase to proceed.

However, Radio London presenter *Marc Roman* has set up a organisation called *Radio London Services*, which is also seeking money to secure the station's future, this time in the form of investment or "shares" in the station. Both have issued press releases urging followers to support them. More information, including both parties full press releases, can be ordered from the FRS Newsletter, P.O.Box 2727, 6049 ZG Herten. Please send two German DM 1.00 or Dutch f 1,00 stamps, US\$ 1.00 or 1 IRC and we immediately forward the information to your address. Additional info can be read on the Internet: > www.channel9.demon.co.uk/radiolondon <.

Showcase 2000 plans for London

A new RSL group, Showcase 2000, plan to make their first broadcast in London later this year. Showcase 2000 promise "a unique format" including opportunities for unsigned bands and little known producers to showcase their work in the capital. Info available from: > showcase2000@usa.net <.

EKR launch London FM broadcast & new website

Satellite and DAB broadcaster European Klassik Rock launched the latest in a series of RSL broadcasts early January, this one catering for London. The station, which transmits round the clock from a base in Kent is using the RSLs to raise public awareness of it's Astra satellite outlet, and it's groundbreaking DAB transmissions in London. European Klassik Rock, and it's overnight sister Night Tracks can be heard around London on 87.7 FM until the 31st of January. New is the brandnew EKR website - which was designed and produced by the Newstide web-design team. Newstide have won a one-year contract to design, implement and update web-services for EKR, following and earlier commission by The Radio Magazine. The new EKR website features information about the station, a media centre including info-packs and press releases, a full schedule plus presenter information, photos and history. Live RealAudio and other features will be added to the site over the coming months. To see the site, and find out more about the station and how to listen, visit: > <http://www.ekradio.demon.co.uk> <.

MediaZoo aired 208 Tribute

Satellite station CMR's MediaZoo programme returned to the air on Wed January 7th with a special tribute programme dedicated the legendary 208, Radio Luxembourg. The MediaZoo tribute to Radio Luxembourg included names as Adams, Bennett, Brown, Catlett, Day, Edmonds, Evans, Everett, Fordice, Fox, Freeman, Green, Henry, Hollis, Holmes, Jacobs, Jensen, Johnson, Jones, Joyce, Lloyd, Miles, Murrey, Page, Prince, Rosko, Scott, Stewart, Stuart, Tilley, Walker and Williams. Eric Wiltsher said, "There is little I can say about a station that is often emulated, but never duplicated. I trust that our tribute has brought back many happy memories for the Luxy listeners. You never know it may just prompt a few radio execs to think again and ask themselves, 'I wonder what would happen if we re-introduced personality radio throughout the UK radio networks?' "For my part is was a pleasure delving into the Luxy archives again and I only regret leaving out so much, due to time, of that which made Radio Luxembourg the legend it will always be". For more information about the MediaZoo, visit the site at: > www.mediazoo.co.uk <.

Capital Radio

Capital Gold network across AM

London's Capital Gold 1548AM service is to be networked across AM stations owned by the group, this news was announced in January. Popular Capital Gold presenters such as Tony Blackburn will be heard on AM in Kent, Hampshire and the West Midlands. The move, which the group are saying is good news for listeners, cannot be anything but bad news for the dozens of people working on the AM stations which will be replaced by Capital Gold - stations such as *South Coast Radio* (Sussex & Hampshire), *Xtra AM* (Birmingham), and *Invicta Supergold* in Kent, where a number of presenters who had thought themselves secure in employment are now scrambling for other jobs. It's understood that only the drivetime programmes will be produced locally in future, and even these will be under the Capital Gold name. In the mean time Invicta Supergold, the first of the Capital Radio Group's AM stations to lose it's own programming in favour of a relay of Capital Gold, is to make the change on February 23rd. The other AM stations owned by Capital in Birmingham, Hampshire and Sussex will follow one by one between now and June.

Grant Benson: new job

Former English Radio Caroline presenter Grant Benson has quit the Italian network *RTL 102.5 HIT RADIO* after seven years. He is becoming the Programme Director of competitor CHR network *RADIO 105's* new cable radio operation based in Switzerland.



Alfasound in liquidation

The well known jingle company Alfasound went into voluntary [voluntary] receivership on Friday 2nd. Alfasound had an alliance with American Jingle Company JAM to be European distributor of their jingles. At one time Alfasound produced more jingles for the countries radio stations than any other, and their packages could be heard on stations up across the UK - large, small and pirate. The underlying cause of Alfasound's problems could be the fact that many stations are now using voice jingles rather than sung jingles. The concentration of many stations in the hands of a few owners, with larger groups doing their own in house jingle production has also depressed the market. Alfa's last sound Scarborough-based Yorkshire Coast Radio (YCR) was one of the last stations to take delivery of a full jingle package from Alfasound. Sung by Americans JAM singers, the package, which went to air on 1 January 1998, is said to be reminiscent of early Radio 1 days.

Eurobroadcast slash price of "Who's Who In UK Radio" book

Hull-based Eurobroadcast Publications have slashed the price of their 1996 *Who's Who In UK Radio* book to clear existing stocks in advance of a new edition, due out by Easter. *Who's Who In UK Radio*, first published in 1996, contains details of thousands of people working in the industry, including BBC, commercial and offshore pirate radio presenters, producers, management and staff. The 1998 edition will be greatly expanded and anybody working in the industry is invited to submit their details for inclusion. For more information contact the publishers at the address below. The published price of *WWIUKR* is £ 17.95, but stocks of the 1996 edition have now been reduced to just £ 3 to clear - and that includes postage and packing! Eurobroadcast Publications, P.O. Box 12, Willerby, Hull, HU10 7YTE.

Allan Weiner: finally legal !!!

It looks like former American pirate Allan H. Weiner now has a construction permit to build a *legal* 50,000 watt shortwave station at his farm in Maine! He got the news just a few days before Christmas. (via Anita L. McCormick).

Interesting World of Radio website

Glenn Hauser's well-known DX-Show "World of Radio" now has its very own website which is > www.grove.net/~ghauser <. The programme is aired via numerous radio-stations across the USA including WWCR Nashville & WGTG, Georgia.

MADE in HOLLAND

DECEMBER

It's announced some Veronica jocks will join public station Radio 3. Among them: Cobus Bosscha, who may be remembered as Peter de Groot on offshore station Radio Monique in the Eighties.

After broadcasting for slightly more than one year Kikker Radio, the first and only - commercial - station aiming at children between 0 and 9 years old went broke last July. But now the station emerges from its ashes and returns on cable systems.

From January 1st onwards terrestrial frequencies will be re-allocated between commercial stations. One of the stations that will make its appearance on FM will be Radio Veronica. As a result the station will be leaving 828 and 1224 kHz. The first frequency will be taken over by Arrow Classic Rock, while the latter will be used by Q-FM.

Arrow Classic Rock is a station broadcasting non-stop rock music (did you guess!) aiming at -mainly male- people between 25 and 45 years. According to one of its owners, the legendary Willem van Kooten, aka Joost den Draaijer, it's "the first radio station for real men".

Q-FM is a quite alternative station playing a lot of blues and world music, serving listeners that could well be described as "old hippies". All by all the radio spectrum will become a lot more colourful in the New Year!

JANUARY

The first day of the new year brings very sad news. One of the big voices in Holland, Alfred 'Big AL' Lagarde, suddenly dies, caused by a stroke. He was 49 years 'old'. Alfred started his radio career at Radio Northsea International in the early Seventies. After the closure of the 'pirates' he joined the public broadcaster VARA, where he became very famous by presenting a hard rock programme. After some years he joined Veronica where he stayed until his tragic death. Alfred Lagarde was also working as a record producer and most of all he was Holland's most famous voice, to be heard in numerous commercials and jingles.

Of course the other major item at the start of 1998 is the fact the commercial radio stations get new FM frequencies. Especially people in the Western end central parts of the country are able to receive a broad variety of stations.

As always the less populated Southern part of the country are mistreated by the Amsterdam/The Hague oriented government. The "underdeveloped" Southern regions get a very tiny present: a very low powered transmitter in Maastricht, only to be received within some 5 miles from the transmitting site.

During the second part of the year commercial regional radio will become reality in Holland. Twenty low powered frequencies will be assigned to these stations.

Jazz Radio, one of the 'new' stations on FM, has become part of the Arcade Media Group. As result its name changed into JFK, which means: Jazzy, Funky and Kool. The station has fired most of its staff and is now playing a much more popular format with a lot of up-to-date R'n'B music.

From January 14th onwards Arrow Classic Rock and Q-FM are broadcasting on the former Veronica AM frequencies. (Maybe of interest to offshore freaks: one of the major voices on Arrow is Luc van Rooij, who spent some time on the Ross Revenge as Monique jock Luc Dardin). Some interesting additional info regarding Arrow Classic Rock: at one time in Summer last year it was possible Arrow and Virgin 1215 would combine to make one application, and Arrow wanted to but Virgin would not do it (Virgin is presented by Paul Rusling in all their new radio developments, Paris, Athens, etc). Ad Ossendrijver and Willem van Kooten- the two keyfigures behind ACR- were very keen to be the Dutch Virgin Radio- the music would be the same, but they would add personality deejays in Dutch and operate as a lifestyle station, for men aged 25 to 45 (most radio Anorkas are in this group also!). The ACR transmitter site at Heineenoord (south-west part of the Netherlands) was 'done' by Paul Rusling, assisted by Peter Chicago. They designed and built the directional mast, 92m high, in the Summer of 1995, also at the same time took out the old 2 kilowatt transmitter of Holland FM and installed a new Harris DX25U, which runs at 20 kilowatts by day, and turns down to 5 kilowatts at 6pm. This is done automatically on a clock, with control from Nozema at IJsselstein by a telephone line. Look out for an increase in power on 828, or a better signal to the North.

A new cable station starts broadcasting: Country FM. Maybe you will guess what kind of music can be heard on this station...?

FEBRUARY

The proposed long wave station Delta 171, aimed at the United Kingdom, will stay a station on paper. The community of Apeldoorn, where the 4 masts of each 1000 feet high were planned to be built, has banned the station, because of environmental and health hazards. Maybe the station will undertake a lawsuit against this decision.

But we don't have to stay sad for long, because yet another new cable station emerges: **Radio Hollands Glorie**. You can listen to Dutch music only. Best described as "polka music". Most of our readers will have heard short wave pirate "Farmers from Holland", broadcasting on 6300 kHz each Sunday. Imagine a station like that on cable....RHG (no, not the Farmers-PV) is owned by the Strengtholt Group, thus becoming a "sister" of Radio Noordzee Nationaal.

To conclude this issue of 'Made in Holland' the latest listening figures. Interesting question: has there been a major shift in these figures as a result of the new commercial frequencies? See for yourself....

	Dec. 97	Jan. 98
Sky Radio (soft pop)	16,2	16,3
Radio 3 (pop)	11,9	13,2
Radio 1 (news/sports)	9,1	8,1
Radio 10 Gold	8,6	8,5
Radio 2 (MOR)	8,9	8,3
Radio Noordzee Nationaal	6,7	7,2
Radio 538	7,5	6,3
Veronica FM	3,1	4,5
Classic FM	1,8	1,7
Radio 4 (classical)	1,8	1,5

☐ Next edition of the FRS Newsletter will be out by mid June!! Stay in touch with via the Internet or via the Herten maildrop! All the best and 73's, good DX-ing on behalf of all of us at FRSH.

Make sure to renew your subscription. DO IT N-O-W !!!